

Remarks

Applicants have carefully reviewed the restriction requirement of September 28 in which claims 1-48 are pending and subject to a restriction and/or election.

Applicants elect species I, drawn to a catheter and withdraw claims 30-48, which correspond to a method. Applicants apologize for omitting this election in the previous response.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview in which it was discussed that the claims as filed do not rigidly correspond to the species discussed on page 4 of the Restriction Requirement. For example, claim 1 includes an expandable tip and a vibratable wire, features which are not disclosed in any single one of the species of page 4. The examiner suggested that a response to the Restriction Requirement be filed which corresponded better to the claims.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement for the reasons discussed above and hereby elect the species that corresponds to claim 1, a species that has both the expandable tip and vibratable wire. These features are discussed in the specification with respect to Figure 1A and Figures 2a-2d. The claims that encompass the elected species include claims 1-11, 13-27 and 29-48. Claims 12 and 28 have been withdrawn.

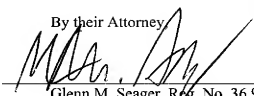
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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